

In the Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A computer-related method for processing, with a preferred processing application program having a preferred identifier, an event associated with an object generated by a dedicated creator application program having a dedicated identifier, the method comprising:

causing a relay application program to assume the dedicated identifier;
intercepting the event with said relay application program; and
forwarding, with said relay application program, said intercepted event to the preferred processing application program, wherein the event would otherwise be directed to a dedicated processing application program having the dedicated identifier.

2. (Previously Presented) The computer-related method of claim 1 wherein forwarding said intercepted event comprises:

identifying the preferred processing application program;
launching the preferred processing application program; and
sending said intercepted event to the preferred processing application program.

3. (Previously Presented) The computer-related method of claim 1 further comprising:
installing said relay application program;
installing a selection application program; and
selecting, with said selection application program, the preferred processing application program.

4. (Currently Amended) The computer-related method of claim 3 [[1]] wherein an application program has a creator type and the dedicated identifier corresponds to a first creator type of said dedicated processing application program.

5. (Previously Presented) The computer-related method of claim 4 wherein the preferred identifier corresponds to a second creator type of the preferred processing application program.

6. (Currently Amended) The computer-related method of claim 5 wherein installing said relay application program comprises:

receiving an install command;
changing said creator type for all application programs having said first creator type to a third creator type;
placing said relay application program in condition for launching at a predetermined time; and
providing user accessibility to said selection application program via a selection graphic user interface (GUI).

7. (Previously Presented) The computer-related method of claim 6 wherein said predetermined time is a system initialization time.

8. (Previously Presented) The computer-related method of claim 6 wherein placing said relay application program in condition for launching comprises placing said relay application program into a memory.

9. (Previously Presented) The computer-related method of claim 6 wherein providing user accessibility to said selection application program via said GUI comprises placing said selection application program into a memory.

10. (Previously Presented) The computer-related method of claim 8 further comprising:
receiving a remove command;
changing said creator type of all application programs having said third creator type to said first creator type; and
removing said relay application program from said memory.

11. (Previously Presented) A computer system for processing, with a preferred processing module having a preferred identifier, an event associated with an object generated by a dedicated creator module having a dedicated identifier, the computer

system including a processor, a memory coupled to the processor, an interactive input/output system coupled to the processor, a display coupled to the processor, the computer system further comprising:

a module for relaying the event to the preferred processing module, said module for relaying being coupled to the processor and adapted to assume the dedicated identifier to intercept said event and to forward said intercepted event to the preferred processing module, wherein the event would otherwise be directed to a dedicated processing application module having the dedicated identifier; and

a module for selecting the preferred processing module, said module for selecting being coupled, at an input thereof, to the preferred processing module, and at an output thereof, to said module for relaying.

12. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 11 wherein said module for relaying has an input for receiving a preferred module identification signal from said module for selecting.

13. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 12 wherein said module for relaying has an output for activating the preferred processing module.

14. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 13 wherein said module for relaying comprises a relay processing logic for changing the dedicated identifier of said intercepted event to the preferred identifier, said relay processing logic being adapted to send, via said output of said module for relaying, an event with the preferred identifier to the preferred processing module.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium having executable instructions comprising:

a relay application program for intercepting an event associated with an object generated by a dedicated creator application program having a dedicated identifier and for forwarding said intercepted event to a preferred processing application program,

wherein the event would otherwise be directed to a dedicated processing application program having the dedicated identifier;

a selection application program for selecting said preferred processing application program;

and an installation program for installing said relay application program and said selection application program, said installation program causing said relay application program to assume [[a]] the dedicated identifier for said dedicated creator application program and said dedicated processing application program.

16. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 15 having further executable instructions comprising an operating system program for activating said relay application program.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer system for processing, with a preferred processing application program having a preferred identifier, an event associated with an object generated by a dedicated creator application program, having a dedicated identifier, the computer system including a processor, a computer-readable storage medium coupled to the processor, an interactive input/output system coupled to the processor, a display coupled to the processor, the computer system further comprising:

means for relaying the event to the preferred processing application program, said means for relaying being coupled to the processor and adapted to assume the dedicated identifier to intercept the event and to forward said intercepted event to the preferred processing application program, wherein the event would otherwise be directed to a dedicated processing application program having the dedicated identifier; and

means for selecting the preferred processing application program, said means for selecting being coupled to the processor.

18. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 11 further comprising:
a module for installing said module for relaying and said module for selecting, said module for installing being coupled, at an output thereof, to said module for relaying and said module for selecting.

19. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 11 further comprising: a module for decoupling said module for relaying and said module for selecting.

20. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 11 further comprising: a module for locating copies of the dedicated processing module, said module for locating being coupled to said module for relaying; and a module for changing the dedicated identifier of said copies to a different identifier.

21. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 15 having further executable instructions comprising: a remover application program for de-installing said relay and selection application programs.

22. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 15, wherein said installation program is adapted to locate copies of said dedicated processing application program and to change the dedicated identifier for said copies to a different identifier.

23. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 17 further comprising means for installing said means for relaying and said means for selecting, said means for installing being coupled to the processor.

24. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 23 further comprising means for de-installing said means for relaying and said means for selection, said means for de-installing being coupled to the processor.

25. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having executable instructions to cause a processor to process an event associated with an object generated by a dedicated creator application having a dedicated identifier common with a dedicated processing application, the instructions comprising:

causing a relay application to assume [[a]] the dedicated identifier for [[a]] the dedicated creator application and [[a]] the dedicated processing application;

intercepting, with said relay application, ~~an~~ the event associated with an object generated by said dedicated creator application; and

forwarding, with said relay application, said intercepted event to a preferred processing application, wherein said event would otherwise be directed to said dedicated processing application.

26. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 25, wherein forwarding said intercepted event comprises:

identifying said preferred processing application;

launching said preferred processing application; and

sending said intercepted event to said preferred processing application.

27. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of 25 having further instructions comprising:

installing said relay application;

installing a selection application; and

selecting, with said selection application, said preferred processing application.

28. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 27 [[25]], wherein an application has a creator type and said dedicated identifier corresponds to a first creator type.

29. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 28, wherein said preferred processing application has a preferred identifier and said preferred identifier corresponds to a second creator type.

30. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 29, wherein installing said relay application comprises:

receiving an install command;

changing said creator type for all applications having said first creator type to a third creator type;

placing said relay application in condition for launching at a predetermined time; and

providing user accessibility to said selection application via a selection graphic user interface (GUI).

31. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 30, wherein said predetermined time is a system initialization time.

32. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 30, wherein placing said relay application in condition for launching comprises placing said relay application into a memory.

33. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 32 having further instructions comprising:

receiving a remove command;

changing said creator type for all applications having said third creator type to said first creator type; and

removing said relay application from said memory.[[.]]

34. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 30, wherein providing user accessibility to said selection application via said GUI comprises placing said selection application into a memory.